

Dear Sir

LETTER OF APPRECIATION BRIG GEN (RET) JW GUYT VPA 07881

On 7 December 2011 Dr Olla Van der Spuy of 1 Military Hospital performed a successful total knee replacement on my left knee at the Zuid-Afrikaanse Hospitaal. I was transported to 1 Mil on 8 Dec 2011 and discharged on 9 Dec 2011.

In 1998 I had my right knee replaced at 1 Mil. Both knees suffered damage due to sport injuries whilst on duty in the late 1950's.

The aim of this letter is to pay tribute to an exceptionally outstanding orthopaedic surgeon, whose workload appears to be above the norm.

A multitude of tests were insisted on prior to the operation to ensure maximum patient safety.

Post-operative examinations are done regularly with extreme care. When a allergy type of infection presented itself on my back soon after discharge from 1 Mil Dr VD Spuy prescribed medicines which cleared the infection in 48 hours.

Directly as a result of Dr Van Der Spuy's outstanding degree of professionalism I would have played a full round of golf today, had rain not rendered the course unplayable. The game is now scheduled for Thursday 26 Jan 2012, 7 weeks and 1 day after the operation.

General. Allow me in these times, where it is not popular for the media to give constructive publicity to anything military, to express my humble opinion.

You have in your domain a priceless jewel in the shape of Dr Olla Van Der Spuy, who together with the Orthopaedic section of 1 Mil will not have to stand back to any similar establishment in the Country.

Thank you for making the funds available to the VPA's

Regards

Jan Guyt (Retired 1991)